



Jacob Beam Public School



SEPTEMBER 2020

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Messages from the office
- Timetable
- Drop off and pick up information
- Stay connected

DATES TO REMEMBER

Terry Fox Walk 29

Orange Shirt Day 30

School Council 6:30pm Oct 13

From the desk of Mrs. Baggs

On behalf the Jacob Beam staff, I would like to welcome everyone back to school. We hope you had a safe and fun summer. We are looking forward to a great year. A special welcome to our new students and parents. Communication is the key. Please reach out to me by phone or email with questions.

We have a few staff changes this year. We welcome Ms. Claus in our Structured Strategies Class, while Mr. Hannahson is off. We have Ms. Thompson, Mr. Balabanian, Ms Herscis and Mrs. May as our Edu-

ational Assistants this year. Mme Palmer is teaching in the Virtual school at this time.

Thank you to Mrs. Bijakowski for all of her work in the office to get us ready for school. Special thank you to Mrs Isabel for making our school clean each and every day

We look forward to a great year at Jacob Beam. We look forward to working with all of our students to help them achieve their best. This year again, we are going to focus on "Work Hard Be Kind!" as our motto.

I realize this is an usual start to the year. I want to thank parents for your patience and help in this start back to school. It is so wonderful to hear children laughing and playing, as well as learning each and every day!

Mrs. Christine Baggs,
Principal

Reporting Absences

With **Safe Arrival**, you can report your child's absence in advance using any of these methods:

1. Using your mobile device, install the **SchoolMessenger app** . The first time you select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you **Sign Up** to create your account. Then after you will select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-866-606-5567 to report an absence **Thank you for your assistance**.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

Please be sure to return all verification forms to our school office by September 25th.

It is imperative that we have up to date contact information for you.

This year it is very important that we have your current email. This will be the primary way of communicating school wide information!

Dropping Off & Picking Up Students

Please help us in keeping crowds down before and after school. We ask that kindergarten children and their siblings be picked up at 2:45 pm at the end of the day. Our kiss and ride drop off and pick up has an adult to help. PLEASE DO NOT STOP ON WILLIAM ST AND LET CHILDREN OUT. It is causing traffic issues and dangerous crossing of the street. We ask that you remind your children to ALWAYS USE THE CROSSING GUARDS TO CROSS KING AND WILLIAM Streets. We want to keep everyone safe. Our bus zone at the front is not available for drop off and pick up between 8-9 am and 2-3 pm.

Also, although we love your dogs, we ask that they not be brought to our fence/gate areas as these are crowded areas and many children/adults have allergies and fears. Please do not use our field after hours for your pets. We are having issues with neighbours not cleaning up after dogs.

A FEW REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Visiting the School

At this time parents are not able to come into the school. We apologize for this inconvenience. We ask that you buzz the school at the front door and we will try to help you. Please try to send your children to school with everything they need. We are asking that items only be brought by parents in an emergency.

School Council

Jacob Beam has a very active School Council with dedicated parents committed to the success of every student in our school. Please join our **School Council**... ALL parents are welcome and participation is encouraged. Our organizational meeting will be held on

Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m

This will be a virtual meeting. Please email jac@dsbn.org indicating that you would like to join our Council and we will send you a link for the meeting.

Jacob Beam Timetable

Kindergarten through Grade 8

Supervision on the yard begins at 8:25 a.m. Students go to their zones

Staggered Entry time	8:35-8:55a.m.
1st period	8:55-9:35 a.m.
2nd period	9:35-10:15 a.m.
3rd period	10:15-10:55 a.m. (Break for some classes)
4th period	10:55-11:35 a.m. (Break for some classes)
5th period	11:35-12:15 p.m.
6th period	12:15-12:55 p.m. (Break for some classes)
7th period	12:55-1:35 p.m. (Break for some classes)
8th period	1:35-2:15 p.m.
9th period	2:15-2:45 p.m.
Staggered Dismissal time	2:45—2:55 p.m.



School Cash Online

Please take a moment to register your child/ren. www.jacobbeam.dsbn.org Click the School Cash link on the right hand side and follow the 3 easy registration steps. You can use School Cash Online with confidence; it is a safe and secure portal. If you require assistance or have questions, please contact the Office. We would like to use this method to ensure you receive notes. Thanks for your support.

Jacob Beam has a Facebook page. We post events, activities and school reminders here too! Please follow us Jacob Beam Public School. We are on Twitter too @jacobbeamps. We like to try to keep you in the loop!



Receive timely reminders about life at Jacob Beam by text or by email! This is a one way communication tool of reminders only. Text message: text@cbags.to 289-271-0223 put your first and last name and your child (ren's) name(s) in brackets

Or Mobile App—download the app on your android or iphone. Create a parent account with your email address. Search for @cbags to join

